

Silk-Yarn

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 *142a. { Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Shri Bhakti Darshan:
 Shri Subodh Hansda:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new silk yarn has recently been discovered from cocoons found on berry (ziziphus) trees;

(b) if so, where it has been experimented; and

(c) how it compares in tenacity and elasticity with other silk yarn in use?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In lower zones of the southern region of Jammu and Kashmir State.

(c) According to the preliminary investigations made by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, the yarn produced from ziziphus tussar cocoons is superior to tussar yarn produced elsewhere in the country, in tenacity and elasticity.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know how far the Kashmir Government has moved in the matter?

Shri Manubhai Shah: One of their Directors of Industries, Mr. Beg, was sent out and he has studied this. And since he returned he has found this new type of silk and experiments are going on.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether these berry (ziziphus) trees can be found in any other place in India?

Shri Manubhai Shah: So far they have been found in Kashmir. From the botanical description it requires a cold climate and thick jungles. So perhaps Jammu and Kashmir seems to be the appropriate place to begin with. Maybe some other dense and cold areas may also have such trees.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि भारत के किन्हीं और भागों में भी

इस प्रकार की का प्रचार करने का प्रयत्न किया जा रहा है।

श्री मनुभाई शाह : मैंने अभी जो जवाब में कहा वह यही कहा कि किलहाल यह नया तनुर्बा है और वह काश्मीर में जो साहब विदेश गये थे उनके जरिये हुआ है। वह एक दफा सफल होगया, सफलता मिल गयी तो वह शायद दूसरे भागों में जहाँ ऐसे ट्रीज मिल सकते हैं वहाँ इन्फर् कोसिख का जायग।

Shri Hem Barua: How does this new variety of silk compare in point of durability and fibre with the muga variety of silk of Assam that is obtained from the mulberry trees?

Shri Manubhai Shah: As I indicated in the main answer, this seems to be better in tenacity and elasticity, and therefore the durability should be more than either mulberry or non-mulberry silk or tussar silk.

All Parties Delegation from Nepal

*1426. Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether an all parties delegation from Nepal came to India at the invitation of the Government of India?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): Yes, Sir. A delegation of 18 representing various political and social organisations visited India at our invitation and toured the country from the 28th of December 1957 to 17th of January, 1958.

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: Was it a goodwill mission, or were any specific matters discussed here?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: No, Sir. it was a cultural mission.

Shri Goray: Did they submit any report after their tour, either to this Government or to their own Government?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: I do not know whether they submitted any report to the Nepal Government. I do

not think it is necessary for them to submit a report to our Government.

Shri Goray: Did they express any opinion?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: They must have expressed an opinion, but we do not know.

Mr. Speaker: Whoever comes from another country goes on talking.

Export Promotion Council for Engineering Goods

1427. { **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**
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Shri Anrudh Sinha:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Engineering Export Promotion Council has submitted its report about the market survey in Egypt and Sudan:

(b) to which other countries this Council has sent delegations; and

(c) the result of their visit?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Besides Egypt and Sudan, the Council have sent Delegations to Burma, British East Africa, Ethiopia, Aden, Afghanistan, Iran, Kuwait, Bahrain, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Ceylon, Singapore, Malaya, Thailand, Cambodia, South Viet Nam, Philippines and Hongkong.

(c) These reports containing market surveys of the countries visited by the Delegation, are widely circulated amongst the manufacturers and exporters of engineering goods. The follow-up work which the Engineering Export Promotion Council is doing on the recommendation of these reports and market surveys, is expected to result in increased exports to those countries.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know whether it is a fact that the Export Promotion Council has suggested to the manufacturers to establish sales

offices in different countries; if so, which are the countries?

Shri Kanungo: They did not specifically mention that. In fact they said that in several countries there are restrictions and they should operate through agents there.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know whether there have been complaints received from foreign importers regarding the quality of our goods and, if so, what steps have been taken for the overall progressing of the quality of the goods?

Shri Kanungo: There has not been any significant complaint—there have been stray complaints once or twice, and the Export Promotion Council is taking steps to see that this does not occur in future.

Shri Damani: May I know what are the chief items of engineering goods exported and what is the value of the exports made in 1956-57, 1957-58 and the estimate for this year?

Shri Kanungo: Sir, it will be a long statement. If the hon. Member puts a separate question I will give the information.

Shri Heda: May I know whether any co-ordinated effort is being made for the export of our engineering goods, so that the standard of quality may also be maintained, and the export may go on increasing?

Shri Kanungo: Yes, of course; the Export Promotion Council, the Development Wing and the Government all act in co-ordination.

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: Is it not a fact that there is a greater demand for engineering goods in all these countries which we are not able to meet; if so, what are the reasons for the same?

Shri Kanungo: No, that is not correct; because, there we have to compete with established manufacturers of centuries-old standing.

Shri Tangamari: May I know whether as a result of this Marketing